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Cottonwood Creek Distribution Committee

Craig Johansen - Chair Jacob Sharp — Municipal Dickson Huntington — CCCIC Hal Johnson — Upper Users Kyle Singleton — Industrial Duane Gilbert — Lower Users

Re: Cottonwood Creek Commissioner Selection Process

Gentlemen:

Several interested individuals with wide-ranging experience submitted applications for the River Commissioner position. Applications will continue to be accepted through January 30th. January 31st we'll provide committee members with copies of all resumes received and discuss with the committee an interview schedule.

Distribution committee members and representatives from State Engineer's Office will interview all of the applicants February 3, 2012. Following the interviews, committee members will be asked to recommend a candidate for appointment as river commissioner. Should the majority of the committee members find they are unable to agree on a candidate, the State Engineer will select a candidate. [R655-15-7(2)(e)]

We feel it would be appropriate for committee members and employees of the State Engineer's Office with immediate family applying for the position, to work with the water users they represent to select a substitute to serve in their stead during the hiring process. Substitute representatives should be amenable to all members of the committee. So that we may reach a consensus regarding substitute representatives prior to meeting on the 3rd, please apprise the committee members/State Engineer's office of proposed substitutes by February 1st.

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Interviews will begin February 3, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Committee members are asked to arrive at 2:00 pm. The selection process should be completed by 5:00 pm. We recognize the importance of this appointment to the water users and certainly appreciate and thank each of the committee members for their time and effort.

Regards,

Jared Manning, P.E.

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